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Book says CIA stole Sputnik briefly in '58

Washington (AP)—The Central Intelligence Agency stole the Soviet Sputnik to examine it minutely while it was on a world tour in 1958, says a new book by a former intelligence agent.

Patrick J. McGarvey, in "CIA—The Myth & the Madness," a book critical of the agency, relates:

"The Sputnik display was stolen for three hours by a CIA team which completely dismantled it, took samples of its structure, photographed it, reassembled it and returned it to its original place undetected."

CIA review required

The country where this occurred, Mr. McGarvey said, was among the things in about 100 lines the CIA cut out when he submitted his manuscript to the CIA. Review by the CIA was required under his secrecy agreement signed when he joined the agency, he said.

Other things Mr. McGarvey says he is revealing for the first time include:

1. Intelligence bickering nearly provoked Chinese Communist entry into the Vietnam war in 1966.

2. Richard Helms, director of central intelligence, taps the phones of his subordinates.

3. The FBI tried to enlist the CIA in an attempt to "scandalize" Stokely Carmichael, the black civil rights activist, in Hong Kong during his travels in 1967.

4. The ill-fated Pueblo mission and capture by North Korea was unnecessary since

all the targets it was working against were already adequately covered by other intelligence sources.

The CIA had no comment on Mr. McGarvey's book. And in giving him the go-ahead, the agency wrote Mr. McGarvey if any claim is made that the CIA "in any way approves your book or confirms the accuracy of any information contained therein, it will be officially denied and we will consider what other action may be appropriate under the circumstances."

Mr. McGarvey is a 14-year veteran in intelligence, three years with the CIA, the rest with the Army's National Security Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency between 1955 and 1969.

He served in intelligence assignments in Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Battling with 2 authors

Mr. McGarvey's book is one of three new books on the CIA but the agency is battling with authors of the other two who did not present theirs for clearance.

The CIA tried to block the publication several months ago of "The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia" by Alfred McCoy, which accused the CIA of heavy involvement in drug traffic in that area. The book was published over CIA protest.

Last spring, the CIA won a federal court injunction to block publication and speeches by a former high-ranking intelligence official, Victor Marchetti. He is now appealing to the Supreme Court.

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